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**SCREENING FOR APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT OF SPECIFIC WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH ‘LOT 1 – NORTH WEST BRIDGES TERM MAINTENANCE CONTRACT NO. 3’
REASONED DETERMINATION**

Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (‘the Habitats Regulations’) states, *inter alia*, ‘A screening for Appropriate Assessment of a [...] project [...] which a public authority wishes to undertake [...] shall be carried out by the public authority to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and in view of the conservation objectives of the site, if that [...] project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have significant effects on the European site.’¹ Regulation 42(2) of the Habitats Regulations states ‘A public authority shall carry out a screening for Appropriate Assessment under paragraph (1) before [...] a decision to undertake [...] a project is taken.’² Having taken the view that the works required under ‘Lot 1 – North West Bridges Term Maintenance Contract No. 3’ might constitute ‘projects’³ within the meaning of the Habitats Regulations, Transport Infrastructure Ireland⁴ (TII) decided that the works required under the contract should be subject to screening for Appropriate Assessment pursuant to, *inter alia*, Regulation 42 of the Habitats Regulations and Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive.⁵ Mr. Michael Nolan (the former Chief Executive of Transport Infrastructure Ireland) delegated the function of screening for Appropriate Assessment to me, Dr. Vincent O’Malley, Head of Environmental Policy and Compliance Section, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, on the 21ST of June, 2018. Mr. Peter Walsh (the current Chief Executive) subsequently confirmed this arrangement after taking office.

¹ Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (S.I. No. 477 of 2011).

² Regulation 42(2) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (S.I. No. 477 of 2011).

³ Regulation 2(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (S.I. No. 477 of 2011) defines ‘project’ to include ‘land use or infrastructural developments, including any development of land or on land.’ Given the breadth of the term ‘project’ under the Habitats Regulations, Transport Infrastructure Ireland is uncertain as to whether or not works required under ‘Lot 1 – North West Bridges Term Maintenance Contract No. 3’ constitute ‘projects’. It notes, however, that Section 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, defines ‘development’ to include ‘[...] the carrying out of any works on, in, over, or under land [...]’ and that Section 2(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 defines ‘works’ to include ‘[...] any act or operation of construction, excavation, demolition, extension, alteration, repair or renewal [...]’. As such, Transport Infrastructure Ireland acknowledges that works required under ‘Lot 1 – North West Bridges Term Maintenance Contract No. 3’ might constitute ‘projects’ within the meaning of the Habitats Regulations.

⁴ Article 2 of the Roads Act 2015 (Operational Name of National Roads Authority) Order, 2015 (S.I. No. 297 of 2015) provides that the National Roads Authority may describe itself as Transport Infrastructure Ireland for operational purposes.

⁵ Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora [1992] OJ L 206.

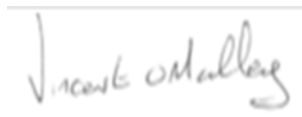
In performing this screening for Appropriate Assessment, I had regard, *inter alia*, to information contained in the following document:

- GHC12042021_NW Bridges_Yr4_Mayo Rev 1.0.xls (first prepared by Atkins Limited and to which the Environmental Policy and Compliance Section of TII have added comments).

In performing this screening for Appropriate Assessment, I also communicated with various members of staff from TII (e.g., from the legal, structures and environmental sections); and, the consultant engaged by TII to prepare and administer the contract (including the consultant's ecological expert).

The specific works that I screened for Appropriate Assessment were the works detailed in GHC12042021_NW Bridges_Yr4_Mayo Rev 1.0.xls, which I am advised and believe to be the works required under the contract in Year 4 of its duration in County Mayo.

Having performed screening for Appropriate Assessment in respect of the specific works detailed in GHC12042021_NW Bridges_Yr4_Mayo Rev 1.0.xls, I accept the recommendations of Atkins Limited that the Year 4 works proposed on the structures specifically listed in the table below, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on any European site in view of the best scientific knowledge and the site's conservation objectives. I determine that an Appropriate Assessment of these proposed works is not required, as *it can be excluded* on the basis of objective scientific information following the screening done that the proposed works, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on any European site.



Dr. Vincent O'Malley

Head of the Environmental Policy and Compliance Section

Transport Infrastructure Ireland

Structure_ID	Structure_Name	TII Decision
MO-N05-001.00	James Street Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N05-002.00	Bridge Street Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N05-003.00	Aughagower Culvert	Screened Out
MO-N05-004.00	Aughagower Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N05-005.00	Heeloges Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N05-006.00	Westwood Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N05-007.00	Claggarnagh Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N05-008.00	Knockacroghery Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N05-009.00	Gortnafolla Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N05-010.00	Toormore River Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N05-011.00	Iarnrod Eireann Bridge No 35	Screened Out
MO-N05-012.00	Bellavary Culvert	Screened Out
MO-N05-013.00	Knockavrony Bridge	Screened Out

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MO-N05-014.00	Little River Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N05-015.00	Cloonlee River Culvert	Screened Out
MO-N05-016.00	Bohola Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N05-017.00	Bohola Culvert	Screened Out
MO-N05-018.00	Gweestion River Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N05-019.00	Trimoge Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N05-020.00	Collagh Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N05-021.00	Killeen River Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N05-022.00	Spaddagh River Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N05-023.00	Cuilmore roadbridge	Screened Out
MO-N05-024.00	Mullenmadoge roadbridge	Screened Out
MO-N05-025.00	Mullenmadoge Culvert West	Screened Out
MO-N05-026.00	Mullenmadoge Culvert East	Screened Out
MO-N05-027.00	Knockbrack Culvert West	Screened Out

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MO-N05-028.00	Knockbrack Culvert East	Screened Out
MO-N05-029.00	Bushfield roadbridge	Screened Out
MO-N05-030.00	Mullaghanoe River Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N05-031.00	Ballyglass Interchange Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N05-032.00	Ballyglass East Culvert	Screened Out
MO-N05-033.00	Cloonmeen West Culvert 1	Screened Out
MO-N05-034.00	Cloonmeen West Culvert 2	Screened Out
MO-N05-035.00	Cloonfane Underbridge	Screened Out
MO-N05-036.00	Cloonfane Culvert	Screened Out
MO-N05-037.00	Fauleens roadbridge	Screened Out
MO-N05-039.00	Cranmore Interchange Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N17-001.00	Ballyglass Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N17-003.00	Hagfield Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N17-004.00	Glentavraun Bridge	Screened Out

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MO-N17-005.00	Kilkelly Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N17-006.00	Cloghuoley Pipes	Screened Out
MO-N17-007.00	Glore River Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N17-007.80	Derragh Culvert	Screened Out
MO-N17-008.00	Knock Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N17-009.00	Drum Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N17-010.00	Knockbawn Culvert	Screened Out
MO-N17-011.00	Eskerlevally Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N17-012.00	Boherduff Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N17-013.00	Claremorris Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N17-014.00	Clare Railway Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N17-015.00	Robert Brannick Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N26-001.00	Rahans Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N26-003.00	Coolcraun Bridge	Screened Out

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MO-N26-004.00	Stonehall Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N26-005.00	Srah Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N26-006.00	Foxford Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N26-007.00	Carrick Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N26-008.00	Cloongullaun Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N26-009.00	Cloonfinnuan Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N26-010.00	Lagcurragh Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N26-011.00	Swinford Rail Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N58-001.00	Strade River Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N58-002.00	Cloonconra Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N58-003.00	Cloonlee River Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N58-004.00	Rathrussel Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N58-005.00	Ballylahan Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-001.00	Brusna River Bridge	Screened Out

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MO-N59-002.00	Ballina Lower Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-004.00	Jack Garret Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-006.00	Coolturk Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-007.00	Shanvolahan River Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-008.00	Eskeragh Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-009.00	Western Way Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-010.00	Bellacorrick Musical Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-011.00	Post Office Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-012.00	Ballymonnelly Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-013.00	Tawnaghmore Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-014.00	Mountain Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-015.00	Abhainn Mhor Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-016.00	Largan Culvert	Screened Out
MO-N59-017.00	Bellanumera Bridge	Screened Out

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MO-N59-018.00	Srahanarry Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-019.00	East Bangor Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-020.00	Bangor Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-021.00	Ennisdrum Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-022.00	Srahgraddy Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-023.00	Bangor Erris Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-024.00	Muingnahalloona Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-025.00	Croaghaun Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-026.00	Lagduff Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-027.00	Shranamonragh Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-028.00	Knockmoyleen Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-029.00	Lettera Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-030.00	Bellaveeny Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-032.00	Bellacragher Bay Railway Bridge	Screened Out

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MO-N59-033.00	Mallaranny Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-034.00	Murrevagh River Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-035.00	Bunnahowna West Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-036.00	Bunnahowna East Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-037.00	Rosturk Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-038.00	Molloy's Wood Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-039.00	Rossgaliv Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-040.00	Knockbreaga Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-041.00	Carrowsallagh Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-042.00	Burrishoole Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-042.10	Burrishoole Farm Access Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-043.00	Knocknageena Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-044.00	Newport Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-044.90	Shandrum Culvert	Screened Out

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MO-N59-045.00	Rossow Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-046.00	Rosdooaun Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-047.00	Knocknaboley Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-048.00	Knockysprickaun Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-049.00	Moyour River Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-050.00	Creggaunuahorna Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-051.00	Cahernamart Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-053.00	Rooghaun Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-054.00	Carrowkennedy Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-055.00	Owenmore River Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-057.00	Srahlea Culvert	Screened Out
MO-N59-060.00	Tullawe Stream Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-061.00	Erriff Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-062.00	Luga Buide Bridge	Screened Out

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MO-N59-063.00	Gowlan Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-064.00	Abhainn Oirimh Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-065.00	Houston's Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N59-066.00	Glenacally Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N60-001.00	Breaghway Pipes	Screened Out
MO-N60-002.00	Manulla Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N60-003.00	Barrack land Culvert	Screened Out
MO-N60-004.00	Dereen Pipes	Screened Out
MO-N60-005.00	Balla Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N60-006.00	Balla Town Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N60-007.00	Ballyglass Rail Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N60-008.00	Cloonycollaran Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N60-009.00	Brickeens Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N60-010.00	Cuilbeg Rail Bridge	Screened Out

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MO-N60-011.00	Hazelhill Culvert	Screened Out
MO-N60-012.00	Abbey Street River Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N60-013.00	Iarnrod Eireann Bridge No.18	Screened Out
MO-N60-014.00	Dalغان River Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N60-015.00	Cooloughra Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N83-001.00	Levally Lough Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N83-002.00	Lecarrow Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N83-003.00	Cave Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N83-004.00	Crossard Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N84-001.00	Cloonconneelaun Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N84-002.00	Fire Station Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N84-003.00	Ballinrobe Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N84-004.00	Keel River Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N84-005.00	Keel Bridge	Screened Out

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MO-N84-006.00	Gallagh Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N84-007.00	Cooleylough Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N84-008.00	Ballyhean Bridge	Screened Out
MO-N84-009.00	Castlebar Railway Station Bridge	Screened Out